

(c) support means [associated with] separate from said cover for holding said cover out of contact with the wound; and

D1 (d) reduced pressure supply means operably connected with the cover for connection to a source of suction, said reduced pressure supply means cooperating with said cover to supply and maintain said reduced pressure beneath the cover.

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82 43. (Amended Once) The appliance as recited in claim [42] 38 wherein said seal includes a cuff around the periphery of said cover for preventing said cover from digging into the skin during the treatment.

Sub 22
E5 60. (Amended Twice) An apparatus for treating a wound comprising:

- D3
- (a) a vacuum system for producing a reduced pressure; and
 - (b) a reduced pressure appliance operably connected with said vacuum system for applying said reduced pressure to the wound, the appliance including:
 - (i) an impermeable cover adapted to cover and enclose the wound and to maintain reduced pressure at the site of the wound;
 - (ii) support means [associated with] separate from said cover for holding said cover out of contact with the wound;
 - (iii) a seal operably connected with the cover for sealing said cover to tissue surrounding the wound; and
 - (iv) reduced pressure supply means operably connected with the cover for connection with the vacuum system for supplying and maintaining said reduced pressure to the wound.

Sub 33
E9 72. (Amended Once) A method of treating a wound comprising the steps of:

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- (a) applying a reduced pressure to the wound, wherein said applying step comprises steps of:
 - (i) locating an impermeable cover over the wound, said cover having a suction port;
 - (ii) providing a separate support to support[ing] said cover out of contact with the wound;